#### AGRICULTURAL.

The Weather Crop Bulletins.

The government bulletin for the last ...d. in July says: The week was cool in regions cast of the Rocky mountains exget along the Gulf coast. In the Northest and in states north of the Ohio valley haddy temperature was from six to eight yers below the normal. The same contrions prevalled over New York and Penns desula and a greater part of Arkansas, From the lower Ohio valley westward to kansas the deficiency in temperature mounted to about four degrees a day, There was more rain than usual for the ....k generally along the Atlantic coast, in. he interior of the Southern states, and at Backy mountain stations. The greater art of the cotton region received unusualbravy rains during the week, although Louislana and southern Texas received less. han the normal amount. These clippings from local reports are of interest;

New England—Hay and grain harvest has been delayed by unfavorable weather, grain somewhat injured by heavy rains and high winds. Warmer weather is needed mough all crops are making rapid growth. Lubacco is in good condition

towa—The weather is generally favora-tic for harvesting and threshing and small grains included. The hay crop is heavy and the prospects are flattering for flax and gatoes. Corn is doing fairly well. Nebraska—Rather unfavorable weather.

militions prevailed; too cool for rapid growth of corn, which is now at least 15 days late. Threshing has begun in the omhern part and a large yield is indi-

Ohio-Crops generally have been bene-Corn and potatoes are very prom-Oats are ready for harvest and promise a large crop. Wisconsin-Oats show a marked im-

provement and promise a good crop. A not as promising as formerly. Oregon—Harvesting is in operation.
Wheat was never better and promises a large yield. Hop lice and codling moths are doing some damage. Fruit prospects

New York—Out harvest is progressing in the Hudson valley and the yield is good.

California-Grain harvesting is nearing

completion in the northern part of the state, and yield is better than was anticipated. Raisins, hops and fruits are generally doing well. Sugar beets are maturing

THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY'S REPORT. The weather for the week was cool and showery, hindering hay and grain harvesting. Oats have been greatly lodged by the wind and rain in some sections. The temperature fell uncomfortably near the frost point on the nights of the 27th and 28th in some localities. Pastures are in excellent condition and rowen is starting finely, Corn is reported backward in the extreme north, but more favorable reports come from other sections. Potatoes are everywhere turning out well.

cest, with the prospect of a fair crop; rye speak of. Early potatoes are yielding well. which these can be thrown alternately. Ludlow-The past week has been very cool and rainy, so there has been but little hay-

August Farm Work. As soon as the potato erop is out, put the land in some other crop, says the Amer-Jean Cultivator. Cabbages may be set in August for winter use if the land is well manured. It may not be best to put in the largest varieties after the middle of the month, but an early, rapid-growing kind distant from a plot or trenches thus used can be put in very late and yet make good-der suspicion of being affected. This is sized heads under good cultivation. Certainly a Winningstadt and Early York will do it, and they are as good in the winter as any, although not quite as salable as the

Stone Mason or some of the drumheads. If nothing else can be put in, sow the red top flat turnips. Trade seems to have the best place for voiding intestinal excretaken a fancy for them in preference to tions. It should never be the place for entabagas and they sell well. Scientific emptying any indoor vessels. The deep men are now acknowledging that they have a higher value for feeding purposes than is close to the control of th shown by the chemist's analysis. There which the chemist evaporates, which he built as we have indicated for each variety cannot measure or fix a value on, which of slop, rather than have one great store gives a nutritive power to some vegetables as it does a flavor to fruit. And if the of them are pulled they have a value as a for the performance of the work that cangreen manure crop which is not exceeded | not be neglected. But it never pays to by any crop that can be grown in so short wide a crop with the weeds. After all the expense has been incured of carrying a of the larvest of other crops.

There is an old saying that "well planted may claim attention, if the weeds given two or three weeks start over the weeds. cultivated crop it gives the latter a hard traggle for existence. And three workarger crops per acre. We may not see air from the tubes. dollar" wheat many years longer, especially if both Russia and India fall off in their exports. Get good seed. It is a lit- the receipts for the same month of last the doubtful whether the largest grain is the last for seed, but it should be well ripened,

sound, and free from smut or must. that no weeds should go to seed upon it, | flour are advancing daily. and no careless neighbor were allowed to grow weed seed to be blown over the boundary limits, farming might become very prefty work there in a half-century or so, ther the dormant seed in the soil had all seen brought to the surface and germinated and destroyed. But that is an ideal that will not be reached much before the arrival

As the destruction of each weed, how-

ever, means a much smaller number of seeds each year, even to the extent of tens or hundreds of thousands for some of the most troublesome that we have, every former should try to kill or cut down all that are getting large enough to go to seed. The borders of the field should not be neglect-

ed. And the weeds in the wheat and rye stubble should be mown and saved before the seed matures. This should be one of the advantages of the silo. These weeds cut and put into the silo at once will make a very good food for sheep or working cattle, if plenty of grain is added to them, and the heating in the silo would undoubtedly kill all the seeds. Mowing the weeds in the stubble, cutting them about three inches from the ground, gives the clover

year's crop very much. The Disposal of Country Sewage.

In a circular sent out by the state health board of New Jersey, suggestions are made for the disposal of refuse in places without sewerage. They are intended in particular for the consideration of dwellers in 'scattered village houses where neither your own nor your neighbor's well is near, and where the population is not large. Ashes or what remains from the fires are the first waste to be disposed of; dust sweepings and similar refuse the second; wash water from kitchen and laundry the third; fourth, bath-tub, and usual washtub water, and fifth, secretions or exerctions voided from the human intestinal or urinal tract.

The first caution given is to never mingle any of these products when it is possible to avoid doing so. "The ash heap," says the circular, "is misused if it becomes a place of deposit or burial of any of the other materials." While sifted ashes have rair crop of barley has been harvested. an absorbent, and some corrective, power, Potatoes are in good condition. Corn is if used in heaps, in this way they become damp and degenerate into filth heaps. Wet ashes cause dampness and mouldiness. Hence they are to be kept separate and dry and cleaned away occasionally as convenience and health indicate. At the spring and fall house-cleaning at least, they should be fully removed.

torn is generally late but good; potatoes are excellent. There is a large yield of peaches, plums and pears. Apples are late but sound; grapes and hops are below who carry the use of fire for the disposal who carry the use of fire for the disposal of refuse much further. There is now furnished a close pan or heater in which peel-ings of fruit and vegetables, and bits from all culinary operations are so dried as to be east into the fire and add to the heat. Thus all evil effects from them are avoided.

The wash water from the kitchen and laundry are always to be looked upon as fouled waters. The soap tends to separate into its original fats, and the greases are especially prone to nauseous decomposi-

The kitchen liquids contain much animal matter in the torm of shreds of meat or viscera. Many claim that the decomposition from these sources may become as disease-breeding as our ordinary se-

Bath-tub and wash-bowl water, while

It is, as a rule, a wrong course to com-This extract is made from the Vermont proofts: Bellows Falls—Crops, as a whole, still worse to convey them to the outside are looking as well as the average. Grains privy vault as a general receptacle. By a have lodged somewhat because of heavy they are easily disposed of. As a rule the showers. All crops looking better than liquid products from an ordinary family was anticipated. Hay about three-fourths are not enough to do any harm it disposed crop. Brattleboro-Crops of all kinds of on the surface of well drained ground. never grew faster. Hay mostly secured in Besides the use of them about bushes, good condition. Oats about ready for harneeds, there may be near the foot of the house lot a series of furrows or deep is excellent; no wheat in this section to trenches made with the spade or hoe into want you to understand right here that if and least nervous person finds difficult to

been underdrained. trenches will aid much in taking up the summer excess and in protecting from the sun. We have never known a family embarrassed in the disposal of these liquids if only some such separating and absorb-

ng system was carried out. Different parts of the plot or trenches should be used different days.

know of no record or case where a quite different from ponding in cesspools.

If undrained soils become too wet, there is remedy in the use of agricultural tile or in frequently changing the terminal end of the pipe. A few feet of led pipe at the

terminus easily admits of this change. As a rule the dry and dry kept out-house expensive to have two or three disconhouse for a pond of foul liquid.

The Maine Farmer: This is the season crop almost to the harvest it is the height of folly on the part of the farmer to allow Do not fail to give the wheat land a the weeds then to come in and defeat his borough working before sowing the seed. plans. However much, then, other work is half heed," and it is as applicable to the choking the potatoes, the corn and the roots, they must in some way be rooted out. It is a good law to establish on the out. It is a good law to establish on the farm, never to divide a crop with the

Visitors to the exhibition of the Royal bugs after plowing are better than one, as Agricultural society of England, recently berely more word work are induced to held, tell of a steam milking machine thereby more weed seeds are induced to which was shown in practical operation sprout and are killed out. Plow early, culvale often and manure liberally before at a time. Heretofore nothing of the kind sowing. Statisticians say that the popula- has been offered that could be called a tion of this country and of Europe is increasing more rapidly than the grain sup-drawn from the cows by suction, the operply, and means should be taken to grow ation of the engine being to exhaust the

The July receipts of eattle at the Chicago market were 75,000 to 100,000 short of year. Such cattle as are now selling in that market for \$6 to \$6.25 per hundred were quoted at \$4,85 to \$5 one year ago. If it were possible to so manage a farm in England, and the prices of wheat and

#### "Just as fiood,"

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THE SECRETARY OF AGRI-CULTURE An Interesting Personal Sketch of

tien. Busica

[T. C. Crawford in the New York Tribune:] On account of the agitation throughout the country by the Farmers' alliance peo ple, great attention is directed toward the farmer member of the present cabinet, Gen. Rusk. Gen. Rusk is about 60 years of age. but he has the earriage and active vigor of a man of 45. He is tall and broad-shouldered, with a deep, full chest. His hair is snowy white and falls in a curing mane about his large, rugged face. His eyes are blue and deeply set. His complexion is well tanned

from exposure to the weather. His nose is large. A snowy white mustache and beard

cending to his breast add to the striking menes from the ground, gives the clover | features of his vigorous personality. For and grass chance to grow, and helps next | nearly 40 years he has been a farmer. He understands farm life as a practical man who has followed the plough. In Congress he was noted for his common sense and his iron decision of character. In the army he was a superb soldier. Today he is more in touch perhaps with the general mass of the people than any one else connected with the administration. Some of his enemies have tried to poke fun at him by ascribing to him certain ungrammatical forms of speech. The people who have done this were not aware that they were giving hima quality of additional strength. It was said in the old times that the charges of using bal grammar made against Gen. John A. Logan did more to make him popular in the country than anything else The bad grammar is not apparent to any of Gen. Rusk's friends. He uses vigorous expressions, and the current phrases of the day often come tripping off the end of his tongue when he is much in earnest, but his English is good and rarely lacks vigor and clearness. There is a plainness and bluntness about him which contribute greatly to his popularity. He is simple and direct. never pretends to be anything more than what he is. He has no patience with

red tape. Any one who wishes to transact

business with the agricultural department will find its head ready to meet him in the

ost direct fashion and ready to dispose of business with the least possible delay. It is rare to fine in public life clearness of perception in unusual and trying circumstances. It is still rarer to find the decis ion of character and fearle-sness of results necessary for the carrying out of a vigorous policy when confronted with new condi-tions. In the riots of 1880 at Milwaukee, Wis., Gen. Rusk made a reputation for himself second to that of no governor in the Union. Before that he was known as an honest, upright executive. But no one dreamed of his capacity to regulate such a trying situation as was presented to him it May of that year. When the riots broke out there were the usual conflict and indecision among the municipal authorities The moment the governor heard of this trouble, he went to Milwankee upon a special train and arbitrarily took posses-sion of everything. It was his iron rule during that time, his ordering of the merciless volley which killed seven people and stopped the mob in their arst rush, that broke the back of the riot. The practical trated by Col. King, a retire I officer of the army, who commanded the Wisconsin national guard during the riot. Col. King says that the guard for some time had been preparing for domestic violence. The ofnot so impure as some other liquids as representing soap and secretions from the skin, are also to be gotten rid of.

Herear of the guard met in convention at Madison some time before the riot for the purpose of discussing what should be done in the case of a domestic outbreak. Col. King says that he had prepared an address upon the subject, in which he said that time and again had officers and men been sacrificed to blind and brutal mob fury by the shirking of mayor, marshal or sherift on such occasions, and that it was necessary, therefore, to formulate explicit instruc-tions. The colonel said when he had flu-ished reading his paper he perceived for the first time that Gov. Rusk was present. The

latter rose up in the audience and said: ever mob law breaks loose in this state If the ground is clayey, it should have while I'm its governor, I'll get there just as quick as you will, and you won't have to Oats or corn sown in rows between the worry about what mayors or sheriffs will to affect the system most seriously and to or wont do. You will get your orders make day as well as night wearlsome and

This brought out cheers and roars of applanse, and as the sequel proved, the got ernor was as good as his word. If it had not been for his promptness and his assuming command at the critical moment, thousands of lives might have been lost and millions of dollars in property destroyed. For in no city in the country was the revolt so strong or the Anarchist leaders so vin

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SICK-ROOM SUGGESTIONS.

A Few Things to Keep in Mind. Never stand or sit at the head of the bed, or where the patient will be obliged to turn even his eyes to see you; place courself where he can look into your face. I have seen people enter a sick room and take their stand out of sight, under the mistaken impression that they would not attract attention; but invalids are peculiarsensitive to an unseen presence, and will turn their heads or even try to raise themselves on the pillow in the effort to ascerain who has come into the room.

Keep a small table spread with a white cloth, upon which to lay glasses, spoons and bottles; this should be, if possible, in an adjoining room, or if that is not feasible, as far as can be from the bed. Always use the same utensils, washing them as soon as possible after using, for if they are carried away, in nine cases out of 10 the article that you need will not be on hand when required; and waiting at such times is almost torture. It is well to have a napkin or soft lowel always at hand.

Ask your physician to write out his directions; do not depend upon your memory. You will find it a great assistance to keep a daily record, both for your own use and for the information of the doctor. The following is merely a suggestion: At P. M., quinine; 2 P. M., beef tea.

Follow implicitly the physician's direc-

Concerning sleep, in connection with sickness, there is a good deal of heresy regarding the matter among otherwise wellinformed people. "Don't let her sleep too long." "He sure to wake him when it is time to give the medicine; it will be a great deal better for him not to sleep too. long at one time." How often we have heard these words, or words to that effect, when in fact, in nine cases out of 10, and very likely in 99 out of 100, they were the exact opposite of the truth. Gentle, restful sleep is better than any medicine; and how often, even how almost invariably, does the "change for the better," for which anxious friends are waiting so prayerfully. come during sleep—making its first manifestation when the patient awakes with brightened eye, stronger voice, a faint tinge of returning health mantling the features, in place of the wan hue of threatening death. There are, of course, critical situations in which a troubled, imperfect sleep may properly be broken to adninister medicines; but in these later days physicians quite generally give the caution that in case of restful sleep the patient is not to be awakened for the administering

of medicines. Never whisper in a sick room; the sound s excessively exasperating to an invalid. Say what you have to say in a clear, distinct, though not necessarily loud, voice, which the patient will be under no strain to understand. People will often stand outside the door of a sick room and carry on a whispered conversation; do not make the mistake of thinking it an improvement on loader speaking. There should be no talking near a sick room unless quite necessary, and when necessary, as I have said, it should not be in whispers.

Good Housekeeping

#### Summer Insomnia.

At all times of the year sleeplessness is a "Gentlemen, that is all right. But I human trial which even the most patient endure; but in summer, and especially in the months of July and August, it seems oppressive. The best cure of insomnia is of disease, it is the expression of some dis- leads meet. To such we would say that we have order rather than a malady itself, and can and Potatoes and best be reached by an understanding of the cause, followed by proper treatment. Summer insomnia is often the symptom of a fatigued condition of mind and body. The Us give you their worth in Flour, Grocerie restless person who lies uneasy while he Crockery, Boots and Shoes, Meal and Feed, Pants seeks in vain to woo "the dull god," has the knowledge that he is perhaps "a little run down," but he thinks that if he could only sleep he would feel again his usual energy. Instead of devoting his attention wholly to means of producing sleep, it would be wise for him to consult his physician, to work less arduously, to take a greater number of half holidays and to arrange as long a vacation as possible. It is important that the bed should be smoothly made and as cool as possible. Hair pillows are better than those of feathers, and a hair mattress upon springs is generally desired and used, making the old-fashioned feather bed seem barbarous. A well darkened room is a most needed condition of repose Some people hang wet sheets at the window on a warm night to cool the atmosphere. As the head is usually in a fevered state during sleeplessness, a bandage we with cold water is comfortable, though it may not act quickly in producing sleep. Some people are set to sleep by washing the face and feet in cold water; others are made drowsy by a slight refreshment of a glass of milk and crackers; a few are given weariness by saying the multiplication table backward, or by constructing wonderful romances, or by any exercise of the imagination. Light calisthenics, followed by a hot bath, make an excellent remedy for sleeplessness.

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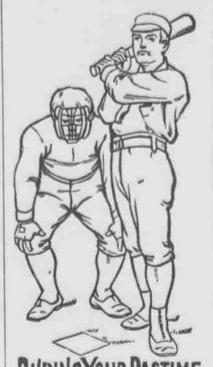
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